

**Amendment**

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 14-29, 42-44, and 47-49 without prejudice.

Please add claims 53-56.

Please amend claims 1, 12, 30, 40, 45, 46, and 52 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of limiting access to a media tray comprising:  
defining a target pass code associated with a media tray of a network device by  
selecting the media tray and receiving the target pass code from a user via a user interface ~~at a~~  
~~control panel of a~~ associated with the network device having the media tray; and  
restricting access to the media tray to print jobs ~~associated with job pass codes having~~  
a job pass code corresponding with the target pass code.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein selecting the media tray  
includes loading the media tray.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein defining the target pass code  
further includes, upon selecting the media tray, requesting a target pass code be entered via  
the user interface.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a print job  
accompanied by the job pass code.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising, where the print job is not  
accompanied by the job pass code, prompting entry of the job pass code.

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8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein prompting entry of the job pass code includes prompting display of a message requesting entry of the job pass code on a print job originator.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving the job pass code from the print job originator.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving the job pass code via a control panel associated with the print job originator.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein restricting access to the media tray includes:

comparing the job pass code to the target pass code; and

permitting the print job access to the selected media tray when the job pass code corresponds with the target pass code.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a selection of ~~a~~the media tray from a print job originator;

sending a message to the print job originator and requesting confirmation of a

characteristic of the print job corresponding to the selected media tray; and

upon receiving confirmation from the print job originator, setting the job pass code to have a predefined relationship with the target pass code.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein requesting confirmation of a characteristic of the print job includes broadcasting the characteristic to the print job originator.

14-29. (Cancelled)

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30. (Currently Amended) A storage device readable by a processor, tangibly embodying instructions executable by the processor to:

define a target pass code associated with a media tray of a network device by receiving a selection of the media tray ~~through~~ and entry of the target pass code from a user via a user interface ~~at a control panel of a~~ associated with the network device ~~having the media tray~~; and

restrict access to the media tray to print jobs accompanied by a job pass code having a predefined relationship with the target pass code.

31-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Original) The storage device of claim 30, wherein the storage device further embodies instructions executable to receive the print job accompanied by the job pass code.

35. (Original) The storage device of claim 34, wherein the storage device further embodies instructions executable to prompt entry of the job pass code, where the print job is not accompanied by the job pass code.

36. (Original) The storage device of claim 35, wherein instructions executable to prompt entry of the job pass code include instructions to prompt display of a message requesting entry of the job pass code on a print job originator.

37. (Original) The storage device of claim 36, wherein the storage device further embodies instructions executable to receive the job pass code from the print job originator.

38. (Original) The storage device of claim 36, wherein the storage device further embodies instructions executable to receive the job pass code via a control panel associated with the print job originator.

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39. (Original) The storage device of claim 30, wherein the instructions executable to restrict access to the media tray includes instructions to:

compare the job pass code to the target pass code; and

permit the print job access to the selected media tray when the job pass code has a predefined relationship with the target pass code.

40. (Currently Amended) The storage device of claim 30, further comprising instructions to:

receive a selection of ~~a~~the media tray from a print job originator;

send a message to the print job originator and request confirmation of a characteristic of the print job corresponding to the selected media tray; and

upon receipt of confirmation from the print job originator, set the job pass code to have the predefined relationship with the target pass code.

41. (Original) The storage device of claim 40, wherein instructions to request confirmation of a characteristic of the print job include instructions to broadcast the characteristic to the print job originator.

42-44. (Cancelled)

45. (Currently Amended) A method of limiting access to a media tray comprising:

defining a target pass code associated with a media tray of a network device by sensing a characteristic of media in the media tray and automatically setting the target pass code based on the sensed characteristic~~selecting the media tray and receiving the target pass code via a user interface at a control panel of a network device having the media tray~~; and

restricting access to the media tray to print jobs ~~associated with job pass codes that correspond with to~~ having a job pass code that corresponds with the target pass code.

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46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 45, wherein restricting access to the media tray includes restricting access to print jobs ~~associated with~~ having a job pass code that matches the target pass code.

47-49. (Cancelled)

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the job pass code includes an alphanumeric string.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the target pass code includes an alphanumeric character string.

52. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein defining the target pass code includes providing a screen prompt on the user interface associated with the media tray. ~~further comprising: providing a screen prompt in a user interface associated with the media tray on a network terminal in communication with the network device that includes the media tray.~~

53. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a control panel provided on the network device.

54. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the user interface is provided on a network terminal in communication with the network device.

55. (New) The method of claim 45, wherein restricting access to the media tray includes restricting access to print jobs having a job pass code that is complementary to the target pass code.

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56. (New) The method of claim 45, wherein automatically setting the target pass code based on the sensed characteristic includes identifying the media with the target pass code.